



The National Park Service

George Washington Birthplace National Monument

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Mission

It is the mission of the National Park Service at George Washington Birthplace National Monument to preserve and interpret the history and resources associated with George Washington. The archaeological structures, the commemorative edifices and the cultural landscape are conserved and employed to preserve the memory of George Washington – America's first and greatest hero whose actions were crucial in the establishment of the United States as an independent nation founded on the principles of personal liberty.

Park Legislation

1930 Designation establishing George Washington Birthplace National Monument
1931 Boundary change
1972 Boundary change
1979 Boundary change
1983 Boundary change
1993 Boundary change and directing action to preserve and interpret
1996 Boundary change
2002 President Bush signed H.R. 3449 authorizing a boundary change.

Park Description

The 550-acre monument contains the heart of the plantation owned by George Washington's father, Augustine, the foundation of the home in which Washington was born, several related archaeological sites, a 55-foot granite obelisk erected in 1896, and a commemorative landscape, replete with memorial mansion, outbuildings, garden and farm, created in 1930-31 for the preservation of the memory of George Washington. The Washington Family Burial Ground, containing the remains of Washington's father, grandfather and great grandfather, is located here. The site is archaeologically rich with the potential to yield additional knowledge and insights into the lives of the Washington family. A visitor center contains archaeological exhibits, orientation film, book store and convenience facilities. Visitors can also enjoy a picnic area, one-mile nature trail, the Potomac River beach and a variety of natural ecosystems.

Priorities/Most Important

Development needs:

- Development and implementation of a General Management Plan.
- Rehabilitate Visitor Center film, exhibits and interpretive displays.
- Full implementation of the 2001 Collection Management Plan, the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan and Cultural Landscape Report.
- Continue to coordinate with Virginia Vegetation Management Team to eradicate invasive and exotic species.

Operational needs:

- Increase base funding to accomplish mandates, ensure accountability and preserve resources.
- Replacement of underground telephone cable system to ensure maximum protection of resources and efficiency of communications for the park. (i.e. security systems, computers).
- Develop and implement restructuring and/or design of administrative offices to accommodate key staff and equipment.

Land Acquisition

On December 11, 2001, Mrs. Jo Ann Davis, Congresswoman for the 1st District of Virginia introduced House bill H.R. 3449 to revise the boundaries of GEWA to include the area comprising approximately 115 acres. On February 13, 2002, Virginia Senators, John W. Warner and George Allen introduced a companion Senate bill S. 1943. The purchase of these 111 private acres surrounded by the park would make the park a complete entity.

Partnerships

The park works in cooperation with the George Washington Birthplace Association, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, U. S. Geological Survey, Northern Neck Tourism Council, Westmoreland County Tourism Council, George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, Potomac Heritage National Historic Trail, and Chesapeake Gateways Network.

2,634 volunteer hours were contributed to the park during fiscal year 2004.

Congressional Delegation

U. S. Representative

Jo Ann Davis (Republican – Virginia 1st District)

U. S. Senators

John Warner (Republican)

George Allen (Republican)

Commonwealth of Virginia Officials

Governor Mark Warner (Democrat)

State Senator is John H. Chichester (Republican - 28th District)

State Delegate is Albert C. Pollard, Jr. (Democrat - 99th House District)

Visitation

2001	141,211	2002	141,731	2003	83,039	2004	78,047
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Acreage

Total	661.73	Federal	550.23	Non-Federal	111.50
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Staffing (FTE)

	FY 01	FY 02	FY03	FY04
Used	21.00	20.6	20.8	21.0

Budget (ONPS)*

	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
ONPS	1,083,500	1,104,900	1,109,300	1,103,500

OFS Increase (approved)

OFS Request

FY2007=\$538,000

*Budget authority is amount authorized after assessments

Budget - One Year Programs

	FY 04	FY 05
Repair/Rehab.	\$22,000	
Cyclic Maint.	\$24,000	
Cultural Cyclic		
CRPP	\$275,000	\$76,920
NRPP		
Equipment Replacement		\$19,000
HAZMAT	\$ 20,000	
Storm Damage (multi	\$ 119,500	
year)		
Volunteers-in-Parks	\$2,940	\$3,000
Parks As Classrooms	\$25,000	
Housing Initiative	\$41,176	\$140,000

Revenue	FY02	FY03	FY04
Fee Demo - 80%	\$12,355	\$70,224	\$107,118
Fee Demo - 20%		\$20,000	\$69,196
Concessions - 80%			
Concessions - 20%			
National Park Pass - 70/30			
Fee Revenue	\$ 34,676	\$28,847	\$42,525

Line Item Construction

Federal Highway Programs

Nearby Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance projects

Nearby Land and Water Conservation Fund projects

Nearby National Natural Landmarks

CALADON NATURAL AREA, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA

Nearby National Historic Landmarks

1. CHRIST CHURCH, IRVINGTON, VA
2. KENMORE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA
3. GARI MELCHERS HOME, FALMOUTH, VA
4. MENOKIN, WARSAW, VA
5. JAMES MONROE LAW OFFICE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA
6. MOUNT AIRY, WARSAW, VA
7. RISING SUN TAVERN, FREDERICKSBURG, VA
8. SABINE HALL, TAPPAHANNOCK, VA
9. SPENCE'S POINT (JOHN RODERIGO DOS PASSAS HOUSE), WESTMORELAND COUNTY , VA
10. STRATFORD HALL, STRATFORD, VA
11. YEOCOMICO CHURCH, TUCKER HILL, VA